

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is completely un-democratic and unacceptable. It is also a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get ultra right-wing contortions and lies. Our democracy is surely being shredded by this practice.

Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.